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IN 'RE APPLICANT : Jackowski et al

INVENTION : **Biopolymer Marker Indicative of Disease State Having a Molecular Weight of 1998 Daltons**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir or Madam:

Please enter the following amendment preliminary to examination on the merits, no new matter is added:

IN THE CLAIMS:

3. (New) A method for evidencing and categorizing at least one disease state comprising:

obtaining a sample from a patient;